Women Diplomats

4377. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of women diplomats belonging to Indian Foreign Service who are working as heads of diplomatic missions abroad at present;

(b) whether Government propose to reserve certain percentage of heads of diplomatic missions abroad for women diplomats; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) At present there are two women diplomats belonging to Indian Foreign Service working in the following diplomatic Missions:

(1) Mrs. Manorama Bhalla — Ambassador of India to Spain.

(2) Ms. Savitri Kunadi — Ambassador to UNESCO (based in Paris)

(b) there is no such proposal.

(c) There is no provisions in the Rules of Indian Foreign Service for reservation for any category including women for the post of Head of the Mission.

Passports issued in the country

4378. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of passports issued in the entire country during the last three years, year wise;

(b) what is the number of staff working in passport offices in the entire country; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to increase the strength of staff?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Total number of passports issued in the country was 15,58,145 in 1989, 15,38,783 in 1990 and 16,15,019 in 1991.

(b) Staff working in the passport offices in the entire country ws 1373 as on 25th March, 1992.

(c) A proposal to augment staff strength in the passport offices is under consideration.

भूटान में सीमेंट परियोजना

4379. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विदेशी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भूटान सहायता कार्यक्रम के अधीन भूटान में नागलम में एक सीमेंट परियोजना कार्यान्वित किये जाने को कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं और इसके कब तक पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी): (क) जी हां। भूटान की शाही सरकार के अनुरोध पर भारत भूटान को सहायता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत भूटान में नागलम में एक सीमेंट संयंत्र का कार्यान्वयन आरंभ करेगा।

(ख) भारत सरकार और भूटान की शाही सरकार के बीच परियोजना के करार पर हस्ताक्षर होने के बाद नागलम सीमेण्ट परियोजना की विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट को अद्यतन किया जाएगा। उम्मीद है कि परियोजना का क्रियान्वयन 1993 में आरंभ हो जाएगा और इसे 1997-98 में पूरा किया जा सकेगा।

Seminars organised by ICCR

4380. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incoming and outgoing delegations hosted by ICCR in 1991-92 till date giving countries of origin and destination;

(b) the details of seminars, conferences, symposias and lectures hosted or sponsored by ICCR in 1991-92 upto present date; and

(c) whether ICCR has selected the talent available in Andhra Pradesh for international cultural events?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Details of incoming and outgoing delegations hosted by ICCR, being voluminous, have been placed in Parliament Library.

(b) Information as statement is laid on the Table of the House (see below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

During the year 1991-92 upto present